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Representative Frank Corte



Biographical Information

Representative Frank J. Corte Jr., R-San Antonio, is a small business operator who has been involved in property management and land development. He is a candidate for Certified Property Management, a professional designation. Representative Corte has extensive experience in start-up operations of a variety of small businesses.

He attended San Antonio Christian Schools and graduated in 1977. After attending San Antonio College for one year, he transferred to Texas A&M. It was at A&M that he graduated in 1982 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Building Construction.

In 1982, Representative Corte was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps where he served three years on active duty. He then joined the United States Marine Corps Reserve and was activated during the Gulf War. Currently, he is a Lieutenant Colonel and serves as an Individual Mobilization Augmentee that is assigned as a Policy and Future Plans Officer with Marine Forces Pacific at Camp Smith, Hawaii.

An Eagle Scout at the age of 14, he is still involved with the Alamo Area Boy Scouts. He is also an active member of University Baptist Church, where he serves as a Deacon. In 1989, he was named one of the Outstanding Young Men of America.

Representative Corte was first elected to serve the 123rd House District in November 1992. He was reelected for a second term during 1994. Following a decisive victory in the 1996 primary election, Representative Corte was reelected to his third term. In an opposed primary election in 1998, he was overwhelmingly reelected to a fourth term by 82.5% of the vote. He is currently running for reelection to his fifth term of

office in 2000. In 1993, Representative Corte was honored by being the first freshman legislator to be elected to the Board of Directors of the Texas Conservative Coalition, a group of legislators from the Texas House and Senate with a membership of 90. He served as their President from 1996 to 1998. He currently serves on two standing committees in the Texas House Natural Resources and Business and Industry. Representative Corte also serves on the Transportation Steering Committee of the San Antonio-Bexar County Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Following the 73rd Legislative Session, Representative Corte was recognized by the Free Market Foundation as the Most Conservative Freshman and specially recognized with the "Captain of Enterprise" award for his work on economic issues. After the 73rd and 74th Legislative Sessions, the National Federation of Independent Businesses of Texas honored Representative Corte with the "Guardian of Small Business" for his efforts in limiting government. He was again recognized by the Free Market Foundation following the 74th session with the "Champion of Free Enterprise" award for his efforts in bringing effective tort reform to Texas. Representative Corte has also been honored with three consecutive namings to the "Texas Ten" list by the Free Enterprise PAC and the Free Market Committee. This is a listing of the top 10 % of Conservative Legislators.

For his pro-family legislative actions, Representative Corte was honored in the 74th Legislative Session by the Bexar County Christian Coalition as the "Champion of the Family." Upon the completion of the 75th session, Representative Corte was recognized by the American Family Association of Texas as the "Conservative Watchdog of 1997." Most recently, following completion of the 76th session, Representative Corte received the Freedom and Family Award from the Texas Eagle Forum, in recognition of his perfect voting record on conservative issues.

Representative and Mrs. Corte have three children.